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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

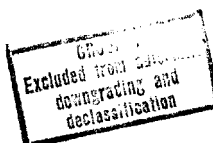
SUBJECT : ONE Activities Relating to Counter-insurgency

1. National estimates address themselves to problems of insurgency, counterinsurgency, and related matters where these are, or might become, relevant to the problem under consideration. In some cases, at the request of consumers or on the initiative of ONE, particular national estimates may devote considerable attention to insurgency and counterinsurgency matters, often with substantial specific detail -- recent examples being SNIE's on Laos*, and the unusually intensive assessment of Cuba in NIE 85-62, "The Situation and Prospects in Cuba," dated 21 March 1962. As a general thing, however, the kind of detailed or operational intelligence required for the planning or conduct of particular counterinsurgency operations is less a matter for national estimates than for more specialized departmental studies.

2. Matters bearing on insurgency and counter-insurgency receive close and continuing attention in connection with the Weekly Survey of Cold War Crisis Situations, a USIB-approved document submitted by the DCI for which ONE has primary responsibility. This publication is designed both to give early warning of foreseeable crisis situations and to provide weekly estimative comment on previously identified crisis situations. It was initiated last year primarily at the urging of [REDACTED]. The Survey is not

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* SNIE 10-62, "Communist Objectives, Capabilities, and Intentions in Southeast Asia," dated 21 February 1962; SNIE 58-5-62, "Probable Communist Reactions to Certain Possible US Courses of Action with Respect to Laos," dated 31 May 1962; and SNIE 58-5/1-62, "Communist Reactions to Additional US Courses of Action in Laos and North Vietnam," dated 12 June 1962 (TOP SECRET).

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limited to situations with insurgency or counter-insurgency aspects, but any which do involve these problems receive careful weekly surveillance in the process of preparing and coordinating this document -- except for those covered by the Watch Committee. By direction of the USIB, ONE is also engaged in producing a series of "Regional Estimative Reviews" on the major regions of the world. These will be coordinated and distributed to recipients of the Weekly Survey. Again, these are not primarily tailored to counterinsurgency requirements but wherever the problem exists or is likely to arise, it will receive attention in these documents.

3. In addition to the above, continuing responsibilities in this field, ONE has provided memoranda of comment to the O/DDI on certain draft plans concerning counterinsurgency, notably a draft memorandum of the Joint Chiefs on counterinsurgency doctrinal guidance, and the draft plan for the CIA role in counterinsurgency matters. A member of this staff, [REDACTED] recently represented the office at the two-week session on counterinsurgency which culminated this year's course at the National War College.

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